# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS HEARINGS DIVISION

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 20-0300263

IN RE: P-5 ORGANIZATION REPORT OF WHITT OIL & GAS, INC.

### FINAL ORDER

The Commission finds that after notice and an opportunity for hearing regarding the captioned matter, the Operator failed to request a hearing and pay the hearing fee as required by 16 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §3.15(g)(4) and Tex. NAT. Res. CODE §89.022(f). This matter having been duly submitted to the Railroad Commission of Texas at conference held in its offices in Austin, Texas, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Whitt Oil & Gas, Inc. [Operator #921150] (the "Operator"), is the record operator or one or more inactive wells in the State of Texas and is required to file Organization Report (Form P-5) with the Commission. Operator's most recent P-5 was due on or before December 1, 2015.
- 2. After filing its most recent Organization Report (Form P-5) with the Commission, the Operator was notified they were deficient and had failed to comply with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.15 (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells) and provided with a written statement of the reasons for the determination and allowed ninety (90) days from the date its P-5 was due to comply with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.15 and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.021 89.030.
- 3. After the expiration of ninety (90) days and pursuant to 16 Tex. ADMIN CODE §3.15(g)(4), an authorized Commission employee determined that the Operator's Organization Report still could not be renewed because the Operator continued to fail to comply with the requirements of 16 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §3.15 (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells).
- 4. The Commission sent the Operator a letter by certified mail giving notice to the Operator of the determination of continued non-compliance regarding specified inactive wells, attached as Exhibit A to this order, and advising the Operator of the right to request a hearing to show compliance. The letter notified the Operator that the hearing request must be received in docket services no later than 30 days after the date of the letter. The letter also notified the Operator that a final order denying renewal of the Operator's Organization Report (Form P-5) would result in the cancellation of all P-4 Certificates of Compliance and the severance of all pipeline or other carrier connections.

- 5. All notices and letters from the Commission to the Operator on this matter were addressed and mailed to the Operator's most recently reported address on the Form P-5 Organization Report.
- 6. The Operator did not timely request a hearing and pay the hearing fee on these issues as required under 16 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §3.15(g)(4) (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells).
- 7. Statewide Rule 15 (16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15) is a Commission rule that relates to safety or the prevention or control of pollution.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Operator received proper notice and an opportunity for hearing regarding compliance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §\$89.021 89.030.
- 2. All things necessary to the Commission attaining jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties in this matter have been performed or have occurred.
- 3. The Operator is in violation of Commission Statewide Rule 15 and did not timely request a hearing to contest the determination that it was in violation.
- 4. The Operator's P-5 Organization Report should not be renewed and all of the Operator's P-4 Certificates of Compliance should be cancelled, with all related pipeline or other carrier connections severed. 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 (g)(4) and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.022(f), 91.704 91.706.
- 5. The Operator's P-5 Organization Report cannot be renewed until the operator brings the inactive wells shown on the attached Exhibit A into compliance with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.021 89.030.

IT IS ORDERED that renewal of Whitt Oil & Gas, Inc.'s P-5 Organization Report is hereby DENIED.

It is further ORDERED that all P-4 Certificates of Compliance issued to Whitt Oil & Gas, Inc. as operator of record are hereby CANCELLED and all related pipeline or other carrier connections are hereby SEVERED.

It is further ORDERED that Whitt Oil & Gas, Inc. shall bring the wells on Exhibit A into compliance with Statewide Rule 15 (16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15) and that the Operator's P-5 Organization Report shall not be renewed until the wells on Exhibit A have been brought into compliance as required by this order.

It is further ORDERED that Whitt Oil & Gas, Inc. and each person who held a position of ownership or control in the Operator at the time the Operator's most-recent P-5 Organization Report was filed shall be subject to the terms of Tex. Nat. Res. Code §91.114.

It is further ORDERED by the Commission that this order shall not be final and effective until 25 days after the Commission's Order is signed, unless the time for filing a motion for rehearing has been extended under Tex. Gov't Code §2001.142, by agreement under Tex. Gov't Code §2001.147, or by written Commission Order issued pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2001.146(e). If a timely motion for rehearing is filed by any party at interest, this order shall not become final and effective until such motion is overruled, or if such motion is granted, this order shall be subject to further action by the Commission. Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2001.146(e), the time allotted for Commission action on a motion for rehearing in this case prior to its being overruled by operation of law is hereby extended until 90 days from the date the Commission Order is signed.

All requested Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law which are not expressly adopted herein are **DENIED**. All pending motions and request for relief not previously granted or granted herein are **DENIED**.

#### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

(Signatures affixed by Rule 15 Inactive Well Master Order dated May 3, 2016.)

API	Number Di	strict	ID Number	Lease N	ame	Well	Number
059	31190 No approved		13243 file	LOVING,	P.B.		1
059	31228 No approved			LOVING,	P.B.		2
059	31825 No approved			LOVING,	P.B.		4
059	31972 No approved			LOVING,	P.B.		5
059	32057 No approved			LOVING,	P.B.		6
059	35818 No approved			LOVING,	P.B.		7
059	36230 No approved	. —	26519	YOUNG			1
		e Distrio		eld rule	violation issue preventing	ng	
059	36338 No approved			MCWHORTI	ER		1
083	34007 No approved			JUSTICE			1
083	34058 No approved			JUSTICE	"B"		1
083	34078 No approved			JUSTICE			1A
	34159 No approved		21017 file	JUSTICE			3
	30350 No approved			ORR, E.	L.		1A
253	31788 No approved			PROPST			1
253	32203 No approved			PROPST			3
	32208 No approved			PROPST A	A		3
253	32255 No approved		17462 file	PROPST			4
	32256 No approved		17462 file	PROPST			5

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Exhibit A

API	Number Di	strict	ID Number	Lease Name	Well N	Number
253	32301 No approved		18224 file	PROPST A	A	4
253	32304 No approved			PROPST A		2
253	32317 No approved			PROPST A		6
253	32507 No approved			PROPST		6
253	33053 No approved			PROPST		8
253	34085 No approved			PROPST		1
253	34109 No approved		27068 file	PROPST "B"		3
253	34122 No approved			PROPST "C"		1
253	34161 No approved			PROPST "D"		1
253	34179 No approved		27320 file	PROPST "F"		1
253	34204 No approved			PROPST		1
253	34208 Production to No approved	fluids mu	ist be purged	PROPST "H" d (certify on Form W-3C)		1
253	34213 No approved			GODFREY UNIT		1
253	34298 No approved		27759 file	GODFREY		3
253	34368 No approved			BEST		1
253	34544 No approved		28982 file	WARD		1
417	01298 No approved		132094 file	CARTER ESTATE		4
417	07573 No approved		108925 file	LEDBETTER, MORRIS E.		1

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A	PI	Number Di	strict	ID Number	Lease Name	Well N	umber
4	17	30553 No approved			ELLIOTT "A"		1
4	17	31276 No approved			MORRIS, J. P. ESTATE -C-		1 A
4	17	31932 No approved			MORRIS, J. P. ESTATE -C-		5A
4	17	31933 No approved	7B W-3X on	03346 file	MORRIS, J. P. ESTATE -C-	,	4A
4	17	31934 No approved			MORRIS, J. P. ESTATE -C-		3A
4	17	32844 No approved			MORRIS, J. P. ESTATE -C-	ı	6A
4	17	33187 No approved			DENNIS COMMUNITY	į	1
4	17	33288 No approved			CARTER (SEC. 70)	:	2
4		33356 No approved			CARTER (SEC. 70)	8	3
4	17	33456 No approved	7B W-3X on	16452 file	CARTER ESTATE	1	2
4		33457 No approved			CARTER ESTATE		1
4		34102 No approved		03346 file	MORRIS, J. P. ESTATE -C-	•	7 A
4	17	34720 No approved	7B W-3X on	23383 file	HOLSTEIN HEIRS "B"	1	1
4:	17	34856 No approved	7B W-3X on		CARTER ESTATE	3	3
4		36725 No approved		23382 file	HOLSTEIN HEIRS "A"	1	L
4		36903 No approved	7B W-3X on	23382 file	HOLSTEIN HEIRS "A"	7	7
4:		37460 No approved	. —	26184 file	ELLIOTT	1	Ľ
4		37567 No approved			BOYETT	1	L
4		80830 No approved			MORRIS, J. P. ESTATE -C-	2	2

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API Number District ID Number Lease Name Well Number 417 80831 7B 03346 MORRIS, J. P. ESTATE -C- 8

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417 80832 7B 03346 MORRIS, J. P. ESTATE -C- 12 No approved W-3X on file

WHITT OIL & GAS, INC.

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# Exhibit A